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NOTE FOR THE FILE

On Tuesday, 4 November, I talked with Don Steininger concerning his letter to the Director of September 11, 1975. I ascertained that he had already received a copy of OPR's paper on "Potential Implications of Trends in World Population, Food Production, and Climate". I also told Don in very general terms that there was an Interagency Committee to look at the matters he raised in his letter and paper. I suggested that he send a copy of his paper to Joseph Sisco who was heading that Committee recommending that the Committee consider Steininger's paper.

This completes action on this matter. No written reply from the Director is necessary.


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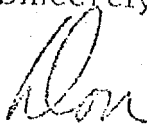
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Dear Gordon:

When we last talked, I promised you a more explicit description of the problem I outlined verbally. Here it is. As you see, it is only a subset of the broader political and military problems associated with a world food shortage. However, it is a problem that the government is surely going to have to resolve - the only question is whether it will be resolved before the panic for information begins, when it can be approached in a deliberate and rational way, or after, under the time and political pressure that will inevitably result. It is also a problem that is sufficiently circumscribed to be amenable to definition and, hopefully, resolution.

I have put this in a form which I assumed would be most useful to you and, of course, I wrote about the problem as I remember it last summer. If some things have changed, please feel free to take liberties with the text to make it accurate, or more appropriate to your needs.

Sincerely,


D. H. Steininger

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